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USE OF FOODGRAINS FOR BIO FUEL PRODUCTION
Vallabbhaneni Shri Balashowry

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government in the Third International Grain Summit, 2008 held at Sharm-El-Sheikh,Egypt,expressed concern over the increasing use of foodgrains for production of bio-fuels resulting in increase in prices of foodgrains thereby making them unaffordable for the poor;

(b) if so,the details thereof including the reaction of the participating nations thereon;and

(c) the extent to which foodgrains are being used for bio-fuels?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.